

SENATE BILL 673

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 35, relative to sentencing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-501, is amended designating the existing language of subdivision (k)(1) as subdivision (k)(1)(A) and by adding the following new subdivisions:

(B) On or after July 1, 2009, there shall be no release eligibility for a person committing aggravated robbery with a firearm, as defined in § 39-13-402, if the person has a prior conviction for a dangerous felony, as defined in § 39-17-1324(i), until the person has served seventy-five percent (75%) of the sentence imposed. No sentence reduction credits earned or retained shall operate to reduce the mandatory minimum sentence imposed by the court by more than twenty-five percent (25%).

(C) On or after July 1, 2009, there shall be no release eligibility for a person committing aggravated robbery with a firearm, as defined in § 39-13-402, if the person has a prior felony conviction, until the person has served sixty percent (60%) of the sentence imposed. No sentence reduction credits earned or retained shall operate to reduce the mandatory minimum sentence imposed by the court by more than forty percent (40%).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.